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#### REMARKS

Claims 19, 21, 22, 25-27, 29, 30, 33, 34 and 43-56 are pending in the instant application. Claims 19, 21, 22, 25-27, 29, 30, 33, 34 43 and 44 are allowed. Claims 45-56 have been rejected.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's assertion that the claimed product of claims 45-56 appears to be the same as Barry et al. (WO 01/71358) because antibodies of a variety of affinities would be produced by the teaching of Barry et al. Nowhere in Barry et al. are methods taught for producing antibodies of specific affinities or that a specific antibody affinity or range of affinities is useful or preferable. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the Examiner's assertion is not based upon factual teachings in Barry et al. Since Barry et al. does not teach all the elements of the claimed invention, the rejection of claims in the instant application under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which rely on Barry et al. are improper.

However, in an earnest effort to advance prosecution of this case, claims 45-56 have been canceled without prejudice, thereby rendering moot all pending rejections in the present application.

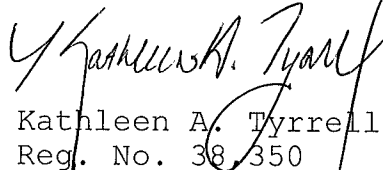
Reconsideration and allowance of this patent application is respectfully requested.

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### Conclusion

Applicants believe that the foregoing comprises a full and complete response to the Office Action of record. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration and subsequent allowance of the pending claims is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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